1	2	3	4	5	6
16	6045/ 6046	Chennai Central-Ahmedabad Navjeevan Express	2655/ 2656	80	2004-05
17	6803/ 6804	Howrah-Tiruchirappalli Express	2663/ 2664	60	2005-06
18	9149/ 9150	Ahmedabad-Dhanbad Parasnath Express	2941/ 2942	120	2005-06
19	6005/ 6006	Bhubaneswar-Chennai Express	2829/ 2830	85	2005-06

(c) This data is not maintained by Ministry of Railways.

Accidents at unmanned level crossings

*530. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of unmanned level crossings in Indian Railways, region-wise;

(b) the total number of accidents/mishaps occurred during the last three years at the unmanned level crossings and the number of victims including death, injured, region-wise; and

(c) what are the preventative measures undertaken to avert this kind of mishaps?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD) : (a) and (b) Zone-wise number of unmanned level crossings as on 01.04.2006, the number of consequential accidents at unmanned level crossings during the last three years and the number of victims in these accidents are as under:—

Railway	Number of unmanned level crossings*	Number of accidents/ Mishaps occurred at unmanned level crossings during three years			Number of victms including Death, injured (K for Killed & I for injured)					
		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07**	
					K	I	K	I	K	I
Cerntral	503	1	2	0	1	4	1	3	0	0
Eastern	379	2	1	1	2	1	6	2	1	0
Northern	2021	14	16	15	19	19	27	30	23	50
North Eastern	1729	10	7	5	27	9	11	10	8	13
Northeast Frontier	1092	4	1	2	18	79	1	3	4	3
Southern	1333	3	4	11	5	13	5	8	29	12
South Central	1373	3	6	5	2	3	8	19	9	5
South Eastern	964	1	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0
Western	2901	6	3	9	6	6	1	13	19	21
East Central	879	6	3	0	14	5	12	2	0	0
East Coast	985	2	3	3	1	1	4	1	6	5

Railway	Number of unmanned level crossings*	Number of accidents/ Mishaps occurred at unmanned level crossings during three years			Number of victims including Death, injured (K for Killed & I for injured)					
		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07**	
					K	I	K	I	K	I
North Central	625	3	1	3	5	35	1	10	3	9
North Western	1414	3	7	10	2	7	11	10	21	13
South East Central	821	1	1	3	58	14	1	1	5	7
South Western	913	3	7	4	4	1	18	16	15	4
West Central	365	3	3	1	8	0	13	2	0	9
TOTAL:	18,297	65	65	72	173	197	120	124	143	151

* excluding ' D' class cattle crossings and canal crossings.

** figures are provisional.

(c) In order to prevent unmanned level crossing accidents, public awareness programmes and publicity campaings are undertaken regularly for educating road users for observing safe practices while negotiating unmanned level crossings. Joint ambush checks with the involvement of civil authorities are also conducted. Level crossings, on reaching the laid down traffic volume criteria of manning, are also progressively manned. As a special measure to reduce the number of level crossings, Zonal Railways have been given power to consider and sanction'Limited Use Subways' wherever technically feasible. Efforts are also being made to close down as many of unmanned level crossings as possible, suggesting their merger with another level crossing in the close vicinity.

Observation by Pakistani Minister regarding melting of Glaciers

*531. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the observations made by Pakistan's Minister for Environment, on the sidelines of Delhi Sustainable Development Summit, 2007 held during 4th week of January, 2007, that "India should focus on the environmental aspects of Siachen Glaciers which are melting at a faster rate due to global warming and continuous human traffic owing to heavy development of troops;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government keeping the security of the nation in view,towards the suggestion of Pakistan's Minister; and

(c) whether a comparative study has been made of other similar glaciers regarding the magnitude of melting rate where there is no human traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, as per the information made available by the Geological Survey of India, the total retreat of Siachen Glacier during the last 95 years (1909-2004) is about 500 meters at an average annual rate of 5.3 meter per year only.Thus the observations made by the Pakistani Minister are not based on the factual data.Moreover, no proposal has been received by the